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SELECTMEN'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1894.

*Disbursements.*

Paid State tax,	\$760 00
" County tax,	707 43
	———— \$1467 43

*Orders Drawn.*

FOR SCHOOLS.

School Board,	\$351 94
F. L. Center, school supplies,	58 48
	———— \$410 42

*Town Officers.*

Paid I. N. Center, town clerk,	\$12 00
W. E. McQuesten, town treasurer,	10 00
D. S. Leach, selectman,	28 00
A. H. Powers, "	25 00
C. H. Chase, "	20 00
Fred McQuesten, collector,	30 00
G. C. Danforth, supervisor,	6 00
Fred McQuesten, "	5 00
J. T. Lydstone, "	4 00
J. A. Marsh, school board,	25 00
J. A. Marsh, auditor,	1 00
A. J. Pike, "	1 00
	————
	\$167 00

*Aid to Indigent Soldier.*

Paid Dr. G. M. Davis, medical at-	
tendance, C. P. Blodgett,	\$13.75

*Town Agent, Highways and Bridges.*

Paid M. M. Campbell, agent,	\$569 72
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*Sundry Bills.*

Paid C. W. Barnes, book case,	\$3 65
A. S. Campbell & Co., printing reports,	16 20
Fred McQuesten, Damage to plow,	1 87
T. McQuesten, highways,	54 65
D. S. Leach, books,	9 65
T. McQuesten, highways,	3 46
J. W. Center, Insurance,	25 00
J. Butterfield, cleaning library,	2 50
E. Pike, highways,	144 35
J. Butterfield, cemetery fence,	18 00
S. E. Townes, " "	18 00
J. L. Senter, snow bill,	14 95
A. S. Campbell & Co., labels,	1 75
A. P. Keyes, snow bill,	9 60
J. P. Newell, library app.	25 00
Roby & Swart, lumber,	96 97
J. T. Lydstone, sawing wood,	1 50
C. H. Chase, drawing lumber,	9 25
I. N. Center, recording marriages, births and deaths,	90
G. M. Davis, returning, births and deaths,	50

W. E. McQuesten, going to Concord,	\$2 00
C. H. Chase, wood, town house,	3 50
A. H. Powers, stationery and Postage,	20
J. F. Center, librarian,	22 00
D. S. Leach, Briggs, counsel,	1 00
"    spikes and nails,	4 55
"    posts,	3 00
"    wood, library,	1 50
"    opening hall,	1 00
"    kerosene,	24
"    work, cemetery,	1 50
"    drawing posts,	1 00
W. Lyons, janitor, town hall,	5 84
D. S. Leach, stationery and postage,	1 00
D. S. Leach, bounty on hawks,	2 50
J. P. Newell, library app.	25 00
	—————
	\$533 58

*Abatement of Taxes.*

FRED MCQUESTEN, ABATEMENT OF

C. G. Blodgett's tax,	1891	\$1 00
"    "    "	1892	94
"    "    "	1893	75
G. Kendall's "	1893	55
R. Butterfield's "	1892	40
E. Nesmith's "	1892	40
N. P. Bullock's "	1893	55
G. F. C. Trask's "	1893	66
Fred L. Center's "	1893	3 48

J. W. Center's tax	1893	\$1 65
J. Annis'	"	40
		— \$10 78

*Recapitulation.*

Paid State Tax,	\$760 00
County Tax,	707 43
For schools,	410 42
Town Officers,	167 00
Aid for soldier,	13 75
Sundry bills,	533 58
Abatements.	10 78
Town Highway Agent,	569 72
	— \$3,172 68

*Financial standing of town February 15, 1894.*

Whole amount paid out,	\$3,172.68
Rec'd from Town Treasurer, 1892,	\$457 60
Collector, " 184 39	
Hillsborough County, 11 05	
State Treasurer, 1422 85	
" " hawks, 2 50	
A. H. Powers, nonresident taxes, 2 40	
I. N. Center, dog licenses, 32 40	
Fred McQuesten, interest, 1 15	
Collector, 1893, 1042 43	
Whole amount received,	\$3156 77

Excess of payments over receipts,	\$15 91
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Amount charged collector, 1893,	\$1329 97
“ received “ “	1042 43
Due from collector, “	—————
Fencing material on hand,	5 00
	—————
	\$292 54
	15 91
	—————
Total assets of the town Feb. 15 1894,	\$276 63
DAVID S. LEACH, A. H. POWERS, C. H. CHASE,	{ Selectmen of Litchfield.
J. A. MARSH, A. J. PIKE,	{ Auditors.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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WALTER E. McQUESTEN, treasurer, in account  
with the town of Litchfield, N. H., for the year  
ending February 15th, 1894.

### Dr.

Cash in the treasury, Mar. 1, 1893,	\$457 60
“ received, county pauper claims,	11 05
“ “ dog licenses,	32 40
“ “ A. H. Powers, non-	
resident highway tax,	2 40
“ received, railroad tax,	90 55
“ “ savings bank tax,	1281 61
“ “ literary fund,	50 69
“ “ F. McQuesten, bal-	
ance tax 1892,	184 39
“ received, F. McQuesten, interest,	1 15
“ “ F. McQuesten, bal-	
ance tax 1893,	335 00
	—————
	\$2446 84

### Cr.

Cash paid selectmen's orders, 1892,	\$25 40
“ “ “ “ 1893,	2070 17

Cash in bank,		\$300 00
" in treasury, Feb. 15, 1894,	51 27	
	—	\$2446 84

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. McQUESTEN,  
*Treasurer.*

J. A. MARSH,  
A. J. PIKE, } *Auditors.*

# MARRIAGES

Recorded in the town of Litchfield, for the year ending December 31, 1893.

Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Date of Mar- riage.	Age of Each in Years.	Color of Hairs.	Occup- ation of Groom and Bride.	Condition of Person by whom married.	Name, Resi- dence and Offi- cial Station of Person by whom married.	Name of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Parents.
Harry Parker.....	Litchfield.....	Nashua, ....	May 30 23..	W	Laundry- man	E.	E. Breckle,	George Parker... Thetford, Vt...	Deceased .....	.....	.....	.....
Mary Loughlin....	Litchfield.....		26..	W	Domestic serv.	to S.	Clergyman, Nashua.	John Loughlin... Ireland .....	Ireland .....	" .....	Farmer .....	.....

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my belief.

ISAAC N. CENTER, Town Clerk.

# BIRTHS

Recorded in the Town of Litchfield, for the year ending December 31, 1893.

Name.	Place of Birth.	Date of Birth.	Sex	Con- dition.	Color.	Name of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Parents.	Birthplace of Child.	Color of Parents.	No. of Chil- dren.
Harmon Elmer Litchfield,... Leach,	Litchfield,...	Oct. 8	M	Living	W	Charles W. Leach,... Lizzie E. Marsh,...	Litchfield,...	Farmer..... .....	Ware, N. H., Litchfield.....	W 3d	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my belief.

ISAAC N. CENTER, *Town Clerk.*

# DEATHS

Recorded in the town of Litchfield, for the year ending December 31, 1893.

Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.		Sex and Condition,		Place of Birth.	Place of Death.	Cause of Death.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
	Years.	Months.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Days.					
Mary A. Bursiel.....	72	1	W	Widowed..	Litchfield.....	Litchfield.....	Bron.	Spencer Ripley..	Mary Cummings.
Geo. W. Barnes.....	49	7	W	Widowed..	Nishna.....	Nishna.....	May 17	W. P. Barnes....	Mary A. Furnald.
Malvina Hardy.....	48	6	W	Widowed..	Machinist.....	Machinist.....	July 18	John Whidden....	Ruth Colby.....
Augusta Wright.....	64	1	W	Widowed..	Housewife.....	Housewife.....	“	Asa Searles.....	Clara Foot.....

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my belief.

ISAAC N. CENTER, *Town Clerk.*

## - School Report. -

As required by law, the School Board submit their annual report. Our arrangements for the year were designed to provide for each school three terms: one of eleven weeks and two of twelve weeks each, closing the year on the second day of March; but owing to the failure of the teacher in No. 1 to begin the term as directed, and the closing of the school in No. 3 one week on account of scarlet fever, even by extending the last term to March 9th, we have only thirty-four weeks in each school. It seems almost impossible to compel a fair attendance of the scholars for a longer period than thirty-five weeks in a year, so many of them being required at home.

For No. 1 we engaged for the whole year Miss M. W. Griffin, but on account of her sickness Miss M. B. Newell was substituted for the second term. Miss Griffin is a teacher of unquestioned ability and untiring industry, but so perfectly satisfied with her own methods of instruction as to reject any suggestions of change in any way. Although at this time the school appears well, the progress has not been so marked as we anticipated. Miss Newell is a well qualified teacher and has performed her duties faithfully and satisfactorily, especially in her attempt to improve the reading, the faults, however, were of too long standing to be completely eradicated in so short a time.

For No. 3 we employed Miss M. A. Lorden for the first and second terms and Miss G. W. Knight for the third term. Miss Lorden is a teacher of fair ability but hampered by the irregularity of attendance of the scholars and by the peculiar composition of the school (about one-third of the enrolled scholars being French Canadians, unacquainted with school or other scholars) gradually lost interest in her work. The appearance of the school suffered in consequence. Miss Knight an experienced and thorough teacher at once infused new life and energy into her scholars by her methods of instruction and diligence in her work. The progress of the school is satisfactory.

In conclusion we must express the belief that the time and labor expended during school hours, outside of necessary reviews, in preparation for public exhibition at the close of school, however pleasing to parents and visitors, can be more profitably employed in the various studies so essential to success in the lives of our children.

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

For one term :

F. LATON PARKER,  
EVERETT S. McQUESTEN,  
PERCY A. CAMPBELL,  
ROY H. CAMPBELL,  
G. LESLIE PUTNAM.

For two terms :

GERRY F. PARKER.

For three terms:

LIZZIE MARGARET CENTER,  
MAHLON A. BANCROFT.

F. L. CENTER, } *School Board*  
J. A. MARSH, } *of Litchfield.*

## STATISTICS.

	No. of Schools.	TEACHERS.		Wages of Teachers.	No. of Weeks of School.	No. of Pupils.	Average attendance.
		No. of Teachers.	No. of Pupils.				
1	Mary W. Griffin.	10	\$32 00	10	8 10 10 10	7 7 2	1 No. in Reading and Spelling
1	Mary B. Newell.	12	32 00	10	9 10 10 10	6 4	1 No. in Writing.
1	Mary W. Griffin.	12	32 00	11	9 11 11 11	7 8 1	1 No. in Arithmetic.
3	Mary A. Lorden.	11	32 00	18 14	18 18 18 11	9 9 2 9	1 No. in Geography.
3	Mary A. Lorden.	11	32 00	24 14	24 24 24 11	9 9 5 9	1 No. in Language.
3	Georgia W. Knight.	12	32 00	18 16	18 18 18 12 12	4 4 12 18	1 No. in History.
							2 No. in Algebra.
							2 No. in Physiology.
							2 No. in Vocal Music.
							No. in Book Keeping.

No. of weeks of school, 68

No. of scholars, 39

No. of visits by citizens and others, 120

F. L. CENTER, } *School Board*  
J. A. MARSH, } *of Litchfield.*

*Treasurer's Report.*

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury, March 1, 1893,	\$180 38
Rec'd from town treasury,	351 94
Int. on money that was in bank,	3 30
Total receipts,	—
Am't due from town to school board,	\$535 62
	367 13

## DISBURSEMENTS.

## School No. 1:

Paid for teaching,	\$176 00
Fuel,	12 50
Repairs,	8 85
Care of school house,	9 25
	—
	\$206 60

Due Miss Mary W. Griffin (teacher), 96 00

## School No. 3:

Paid for teaching,	\$272 00
Fuel,	14 00
Repairs,	75
Care of School house,	7 75
	—
	\$294 50
Paid town of Hudson,	20 91
Paid town of Bristol for school supplies,	2 00
	—
Total disbursement,	\$524 01

Balance in treasury March 1, 1894, \$11 61

Z. K. WHITTEMORE,  
*Treasurer of School Board.*

## TOWN LIBRARY REPORT.

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The Trustees of the Litchfield Town Library hereby submit their second annual report.

The Board met soon after the annual town meeting and organized by choosing J. P. Newell chairman, and Mrs. Jennie F. Center, secretary and treasurer.

It was voted that the library should be kept open for giving out and returning books Saturday afternoon of each week, from two till five o'clock, and that the compensation of the librarian be fixed at fifty cents for each opening. Mrs. Jennie F. Center was chosen librarian.

At the same meeting Rules and Regulations were adopted for the care and preservation of the books. In accordance with the recommendation of the State Board of Library Commissioners, the new books have not been covered.

By vote of the Trustees the latest edition of Chambers' Encyclopedia, consisting of ten large volumes, has been purchased at a cost of only twenty dollars and placed in the library.

During the year the Ladies' Social Circle have purchased and donated to the town twenty-eight volumes at a cost of \$25.25.

There are now in the library 569 volumes, many of which are choice books. It is to be hoped that at sometime in the near future a room convenient and easily warmed, may be obtained and fitted up for the special use of the library.

We cannot close this report without expressing our congratulations that the town of Litchfield has laid the foundations of a library that will prove to be a great and permanent blessing to all her citizens.

The reports of the Librarian and of the Treasurer are herewith transmitted.

Respectfully submitted;

J. P. NEWELL,

*For the Trustees.*

### STATISTICS.

Litchfield Free Public Library opened for distribution of books, April 15, 1893.

Number of volumes donated by Ladies'

Social Circle,	346
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Number of volumes donated by State of

New Hampshire,	101
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Number of volumes purchased in April, 1893,

16

" " " December, "	37
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" " donated by Ladies'	
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Social Circle, December, 1893,	28
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The "Century" and "Cosmopolitan" magazines for 1894, also donated by Ladies' Social Circle.

Whole number of bound volumes at the present time, 569

Number of persons taking out books Feb., 1894, 62

" books taken out since April 15, 1893,	
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equal to one volume,	1,060 times.
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JENNIE F. CENTER, *Librarian.*

*Treasurer's Report.*

To the Board of Trustees of the Litchfield Free Public Library :

The following report of the Treasurer of said Board, of the receipts and expenditures for the fractional part of a year ending Feb. 15, 1894, is hereby respectfully submitted.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash received from Isaac N. Center,	
town appropriation for 1892,	\$25 00
Cash received from fines,	2 00
" " town, appropri-	
ation, 1893,	25 00
	—
	\$52 00

## EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid Mr. Newell for express,	25
" " "	25
" Isaac N. Center "	25
" " "	15
" for mucilage,	15
" " books,	24 63
" " "	25 00
Cash in treasury,	1 32
	—
	\$52 00

JENNIE F. CENTER, *Treasurer.*

Litchfield, February 15, 1894.



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